



Request for Expedited Procedure  
Under 37 CFR § 1.116  
Group Art Unit: 2616  
Docket No.: M0289.0002

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Yoshiharu Maeno

Application No.: 10/083,401

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Art Unit: 2616

For: MINIMUM COST ROUTING BASED ON  
RELATIVE COSTS OF NODE RESOURCES

Examiner: S. Ahmed

**SUPPLEMENTAL**  
**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Supplemental to the response filed June 20, 2006, to the Office Action dated April 3, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1, 3-12, 14-22, 24-32, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 12 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.

**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

|   | Claims<br>Remaining After<br>Amendment | Highest Number<br>Previously Paid | Number Extra<br>Claims<br>Present | Rate | Additional<br>Fee |
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| Total   | 4                                      | - 33* =                           |                                   | X    |                   |
| Independent   | 4                                      | - 4** =                           |                                   | X    |                   |
| First presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable) |  |                                   |                                   |      |                   |
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\*not less than 20

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**CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST**

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 CFR 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 CFR 1.135. The fee under 37 CFR 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.